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MAN INVOLVED IN HIGH SPEED CHASE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT WHO WAS LATER FOUND WITH OVER 1,000 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA IN TRUCK IS SENTENCED TO OVER 10 YEARS IN PRISON

TUCSON, ARIZONA –The United States Attorneys Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on November 13, 2003, Augustin Peralta-Marquez, born October 28, 1976, of Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced to 121 months imprisonment, by United States District Judge John M. Roll, in Tucson, Arizona.

On February 4, 2003, United States Bureau of Immigration Customs Enforcement agents arrested Peralta after recovering over 1,000 pounds of marijuana from the cab and the bed of the truck he was driving. Peralta engaged the arresting agents in a high-speed chase, during which Peralta rammed his truck into a law enforcement vehicle, forced several vehicles off the road and collided with an uninvolved motorist.

Peralta had entered a plea of guilty on July 11, 2003, to a charge of possession with intent to distribute marijuana, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)(vii), and to three counts of assault on a federal officer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, sections 111(a) and 1114, enhanced by Title 18, United States Code, section 111(b)..

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The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The prosecution was handled by Lauren A. Anaya, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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